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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R. PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT:PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA

1. REQUEST YOU URGENTLY APPROACH PRESIDENT MARCOS TO INFORM HIM THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINES. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE VISITING CHINA BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 5, AND IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT IF HE COULD MAKE BRIEF VISITS TO THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

2. IF AGREEABLE, OUR PRESENT THINKING IS THAT AFTER A ONE-DAY VISIT IN JAKARTA THE PRESIDENT WOULD ARRIVE IN MANILA AT APPROXIMATELY 1650 ON DECEMBER 6, OVERNIGHT, AND DEPART FOR HAWAII AT 1700 ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7. THE PRESIDENT REGRETS THAT HIS VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE  
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SABBATH BUT UNFORTUNATELY HIS SCHEDULE REQUIRES AN EARLY

RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

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3. SINCE IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHINA AT NOON ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MARCOS' REACTION SO THAT A PARALLEL ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE AND INDONESIAN VISITS AT THE SAME TIME. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO USE FOLLOWING TEXT: "PRESIDENT FORD

WILL VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, DECEMBER 5-6, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, DECEMBER 6-7, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT MARCOS." WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS TEXT AND THE TIMING OF ITS RELEASE ARE ACCEPTABLE.

4. ONCE AGREEMENT ON A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IS RECEIVED, WE WOULD WISH TO SEND AN ADVANCE TEAM TO MAKE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS. WE WILL PROVIDE PRECISE TIMES AND NUMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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